



Kentucky School Library Media News

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Beyond Proficiency **@ your library®**

In case you haven't heard, the new [*Beyond Proficiency @ your library®*](#) is ready!

Beyond Proficiency @ your library® is a Web-based tool to guide Kentucky school media librarians, school administrators and (SBDM) councils in creating and maintaining effective library media programs for the 21st century. This set of guidelines from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) aligns with national library standards and provides a framework for the effective management of a high-quality school library media program. Sections include:

- School Library Media Program Rubric
- Characteristics of Highly Effective Teaching and Learning in the Library
- Sample School Media Librarian Evaluation Instrument

These sections contain links to additional resources to provide background information and to assist in further exploration of topics. Additional content, such as videos of effective practice and annotated bibliographies, will be added in the near future.

Information about *Beyond Proficiency @ your library®* was distributed to superintendents and district administrators through KDE e-mails and newsletters. However, school media librarians will be the true champions in advocating for their schools to use the resource. Because the guidelines are Web-based, a quick e-mail with the link to your principal and SBDM council members can be a conversation starter for your efforts to maintain and improve your library programs.

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District Highlight: CATALYST

Collaboration Among Teachers and Librarians Yields Successful Teaching

CATALYST is a three-year grant-funded project designed to increase librarian capacity to collaborate with teachers and partner with the local public library to address the needs of students with limited literacy proficiency and limited information literacy proficiency. Funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Ohio Valley Educational Cooperative (OVEC), CATALYST provides 29 school library media specialists and six county public librarians with professional development focusing on the themes of literacy/reading skills, information literacy/researching skills and subject areas of infrequent LMS/teacher collaboration such as science, math, art and more.

One of the key elements of the grant is job-embedded coaching. This comes in the form of a library media specialist, Diane Goodwin, who will visit and provide feedback for participating librarians concerning collaboration models and PD. In each of the three years, the LMS will do a PD for the school's faculty on each of the three themes. Each LMS will partner with a team of three teachers through weekly common planning time to co-plan, co-implement and co-evaluate instructional activities.

"If I could write a description for the perfect job, this would be it," said Diane Goodwin of OVEC, "I love visiting school media centers and talking with the LMS about the library media program. While I've never coached a sports team, I have coached LMSs in past positions at KDE and the Danville Independent school district. Offering high-quality PD specifically tailored to LMSs, empowering LMSs to train the school faculty in each of the themes, and building stronger collaborative relationships with LMSs, teachers and the local public librarian: these are the goals of the grant and my personal goals, too. CATALYST also will effect changes in school principals' and teachers' perceptions regarding the instructional role of the librarian and instructional uses of the school library media center."

The pressures of shrinking budgets and improving student achievement make it more important than ever to let the entire school community know the value of the library media program and the library media specialist.

For more information, contact Diane Goodwin (dgoodwin@ovec.org).

Resources and Recommendations

Professional Resource Highlight:



Verizon Thinkfinity Kentucky is a partnership with Verizon Foundation and the Kentucky Department of Education to raise awareness and train teachers throughout the state to use the thousands of free educational resources available from Thinkfinity.org. These resources help meet the instructional needs of teachers through top-notch content and effective professional development.

Thinkfinity training sessions are scheduled periodically throughout the year around Kentucky. For current information about training sessions in your area, contact Earlene Cool (earlene.cool@education.ky.gov).

Web Resource Highlight: [Microsoft Lesson Plans](#)

Lesson plans include activities for digital media literacy and language arts, as well as other content areas.

Media Literacy Resource Highlight: Admongo.gov

Admongo.gov offers videos and games to help students think critically about the messages they receive from advertising. Free materials, including lesson plans and posters, are available from the site.

Contest: [BookJam Digital Book Report](#)

Create a Digital Book Report that connects common core standards to 21st-century skills for your chance to win a portion of \$20,000 in prizes.

Grant Resource Highlight: [Kentucky Book Fair](#)

Congratulations to the following Kentucky school libraries that received grants from the 2009 Kentucky Book Fair:

Academy @ Shawnee, Jefferson Co.
Caldwell County High, Caldwell Co.
Fairdale Elementary, Jefferson Co.
Jamestown Elementary, Russell Co.
Mayfield Middle, Graves Co.
Newport Junior High, Campbell Co.

The 2010 Kentucky Book Fair is November 13 in Frankfort.

Curriculum Resource Highlight: [Common Core Standards](#)

During the 2010-11 academic year, schools and districts will begin to implement the Kentucky Core Academic Standards for mathematics and English/language arts. The link above takes you to these new standards. The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) is preparing a crosswalk document that shows alignment of these standards with our library standards.

Video Highlight: [Commissioner Terry Holliday at KSMA Summer Refresher](#)

Information and Updates

15th Annual Ohio Kentucky Indiana Children's Literature Conference

**"Creative Expression Through
Language, Literature, and Literacy"**

November 6, 2010
Thomas More College



Kentucky Reading Association Conference

October 28-30, 2010
Louisville

Professional Organizations

Kentucky School Media Association (KSMA)
www.kysma.org

Kentucky Library Association (KLA)
www.kylbasn.org/

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)
www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl

American Library Association (ALA)
www.ala.org

Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
www.kyreading.org

Connecting with Characters Contest

The McConnell Center
School of Library & Information Science
University of Kentucky

Deadline: November 5
Apply [here](#).

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Find it at KDE!

The [Library Media](#) section of the Kentucky Department of Education's website has many valuable resources for school librarians.

You can access the Library Media section of the KDE website by clicking the link above or by typing in the following URL:

<http://www.education.ky.gov/KDE/Instructional+Resources/Library+Media/>



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